IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN NORTHERN DIVISION

RICHARD PRATT and LARRY JONES, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Case No. 21-cv-11404-TLL-PTM

Honorable Thomas L. Ludington

Plaintiffs,

v.

KSE SPORTSMAN MEDIA, INC. D/B/A OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN GROUP,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO FILE PORTIONS OF THEIR MOTION TO COMPEL AND CERTAIN EXHIBITS ATTACHED THERETO UNDER SEAL

Plaintiffs submit this Motion to Seal in connection with the contemporaneous filing of Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel. Plaintiffs plan to attach and discuss certain documents produced (and marked "Confidential") by Defendant in discovery (the "Confidential Documents," attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, C). Plaintiffs oppose the permanent sealing of the Confidential Documents, but file this motion to seal to temporarily file them under seal to comply with E.D. Mich. Local Rule 5.3(b) and Paragraph 8 of the Protective Order (ECF No. 37).

The Sixth Circuit in *Shane Grp., Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich.*, 825 F.3d 305 (6th Cir. 2016) and this District in *In re FCA US LLC Monostable Electronic Gearshift Litig.*, 377 F. Supp. 3d 779 (E.D. Mich. 2019), have explained that there is a "strong presumption in favor of openness as to court records" and that "the burden of overcoming that presumption is a heavy one." *Shane*, 825 F.3d at 305. As a result, and after reviewing the Confidential Documents, Plaintiffs do not believe the documents satisfy the requirements for sealing in this District. However, as stated above, Plaintiffs have filed this Motion to comply with the Local Rules and the Protective Order, and to allow Defendant to set forth its basis for permanently sealing the Confidential Documents. As a result, Plaintiffs request that the Confidential Documents remain under seal for at least 14 days from the date of this

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Motion until Defendant has responded to the Motion.

Per Local Rule 7.1(d), on August 5, 2022, counsel for Plaintiffs certifies that it contacted Defendant's counsel regarding the sealing of the documents at issue and any discussions regarding those documents. Due to Defendant's desire to keep those documents under seal, and in compliance with the Protective Order and the Local Rules, Plaintiffs file this motion.

Dated: August 5, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO FILE PORTIONS OF THEIR MOTION TO COMPEL AND CERTAIN EXHIBITS ATTACHED THERETO UNDER SEAL

STATEMENT OF ISSUE PRESENTED

Whether Plaintiffs may file their Motion to Compel and attached Confidential Documents under seal pending a ruling by the Court on the Confidential Documents' continued sealing?

Plaintiffs answer: Yes.

CONTROLLING OR MOST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES

• E.D. Mich. LCivR 5.3

For the reasons explained in the above Motion, Plaintiffs respectfully seek to file their Motion to Compel and attached Confidential Documents under seal.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 5, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing documents using the Court's electronic filing system, which will notify all counsel of record authorized to receive such filings.

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